Subject: Chinese paper money

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PAPER-MONEY COLLECTING.

Although the late Herr L. Clericus of Magdeburg, well-known as an enthusiastic collector, had even in 1880, by publishing various highly interesting articles in different Journals, drawn public attention to the interest attached to collections of Paper-money and to the fact that this branch of Numismatics, representing monuments of the highest importance of bygone days from an historical point of view, might with all justification be called the handmaid of the Science, yet, notwithstanding, very few appeared to take an interest in collections of this kind.

Even now there are but few collections which are of any magnitude or are scientifically arranged, or upon which patience and industry have been carefully bestowed.

Therefore, in order to bring collectors in closer touch with each other, and in order to facilitate mutual exchange, it would seem desirable to form an Association, not only to guard the interests of collectors, but also to institute an active propaganda in a field which has up to now, received only too little attention.

In this way, much that would be of interest would come to the notice of collectors, and undoubtedly the interest in this question taken by the Trade, would be enlivened thereby.

If we consider the notes emitted by Law in the reign of Louis XV.; the assignats under Louis XVI.; the other Paper-moneys (Bons de Communes) of the Revolution, of Pichegru's invasion of Holland, of the different revolutions in Poland; the Siege-moneys of Italy and Hungary during the time of Garibaldi and Kossuth; the blockade-notes of Maintz, Colberg and of Erfurt; further, the Italian and Austrian assistance-money of 1848 and 1870; the old American moneys under the English Government of the 18th Century, and of the war of 1864, etc.; all notes of the various States and Banks of Germany up to 1875: lastly, all the small assistance-money (Vales) of the South American Republics, of Spain, of Portugal, etc.; and all those of other States which cannot be enumerated here, then only will it be possible to understand, not only how interesting, but also how important (considered from the artistic-historical standpoint) such a collection may become.

Therefore should this suggestion meet with a favourable reception by the fraternity of paper-money Collectors, I should be delighted to receive communications from them, which would enable an exchange of views on the subject of the above proposed Association.

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*** Correspondance on the above-mentioned subject is invited in English, German or French.

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Mr Howland Wood. 93 Jerry St. Brooklyn

Dear Sir.

With regard to your advertisement in No 3 of the Numismatist I beg you to send me on approval some specimen of the Chinese paper money and tell me your lowest prices.

What I dont want I return with the next post and the other I pay in the same time by postal order

Respectfully

Yours

George Pflümer

GEORGE PFLUMER IN HAMELN A/WESER

Hameln, den 14 Mai 1912

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Dear Sir!

I received to day your sending on approval of
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" Nos. 10032. 10033. 10034. 10035. 10036
10038. 10046. 10047. "
but you did not mark your price.
Be so kind to tell me how much you will charge
each number, and hoping, that you can make
me the same prices as the firm Kobay agam Co
(I'll Ramsden) Yokohama, with which I am in
mercantile connexion I shall make my decision
immediately after receipt of your answer.

Respectfully
Yours
George Pflumer

GEORGE PFLÜMER IN HAMELN A/WESER

Hameln, den 16th Mai 1912

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Georg Pflümer